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FOI: FIXATION HEATER CONTROL METHOD AND IMAGE FORMATION DEVICE

DECLARATION OF NISHIDA. YOShinki

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Sir:

I, Yoshiski NISHIDA, do hereby declare that I am the sole inventor of the above referenced application and of the U.S. Patent 6853818 (Nishida). The invention disclosed but not claimed in the U.S. Patent 6853818 (Nishida) was derived from me, the inventor of this application, and thus is not an invention 'by another'.

The reason and facts relevant to this are as follows:

I graduated from Nagoya Institute of Technology in 1976. My major was electronic engineering. I joined Copyer Co., Ltd. (currently Canon Finetech Inc.) in the same year and have been working as an electronic design engineer of copying machines since that time.

The following is a listing of patents in the USA and Japan where  ${\bf I}$  am named as inventor:

- U.S. Patent 6,853,818 FIXING DEVICE INCLUDING PHASE CONTROL AND WAVE NUMBER CONTROL issued February 8, 2005
- U.S. Patent 6,301,454 FIXING HEATER CONTROLLING METHOD AND AN IMAGE FORMING DEVICE issued October 9, 2001
  - JP 3570690 MANUSCRIPT SIZE SENSING DEVICE
- JP 3316170 METHOD FOR CONTROLLING FIXING HEATER AND IMAGE FORMING DEVICE
  - JP 2789267 CONTROLLER FOR COPYING MACHINE

The above illustrates my extensive experience and qualifications in this field, and supports the conclusion that the invention disclosed but not claimed in the U.S. Patent 6853818 (Nishida) was derived from me, the inventor of this application, and thus is not an invention "by another". I was the sole inventor of the 6853818 (Nishida), so clearly the information in the specification would have come from me.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

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